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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Appln. Of: RHEINLANDER, et al.

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For: SKIN FOR AUTOMOTIVE AIR BAG...

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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AMENDMENT C

Dear Sirs:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action filed November 19, 2002. Re-examination and reconsideration is requested.

Please amend the Application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Twice Amended) A skin for an automotive interior panel, the interior panel including an air bag deployment portion; the skin comprising:

a main body skin portion adapted to cover at least a portion of the automotive interior panel surrounding the air bag deployment portion of the panel, the main body skin portion comprising a first plastic material including an opening corresponding to said air bag deployment portion, said opening comprising an inner edge;

an air bag cover skin portion comprising an outer edge connected at said main body skin portion inner edge and adapted to cover the air bag deployment portion of the automotive interior panel, the air bag cover skin portion comprising a second plastic material having the property of remaining substantially more ductile with decreasing temperature than the first plastic material;